

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at  
7:30 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Parish Councillors present:** Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM)  
Pat Sweet (PS)  
Matt Vellacott (MV)

**Others present:-** None

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> Olga Dawer (OD), Sarah Jones (SJ), Dave Mansell (DM) (Somerset Councillor); Gwil Wren (Somerset Councillor)</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest –</b> None</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of Last meeting</b> The minutes have been published on the Stash website after acceptance as a true record by those present at the last meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Register of Interests</b> Somerset Council have the data required to have details of all Councillors on their website. The Parish website at stash.org.uk needs to be updated with a photo and words from each Councillor. This will be completed before the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6. Emergency Planning</b> PM and PS met as reported in the last meeting. They will be attending the Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> October and will report back at the next meeting with any recommendations as to the way ahead. Recent emergency road closures showed that there is a need for a local WhatsApp group to advertise such closures at short notice. This has been tried before with a low take-up but we will try again.</p>	<p><b>PM</b> <b>PS</b></p>
<p><b>7. Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current bank balance is £4,503.94 and the Unity Bank balance is £10,262.83.</li> <li>• Insurance: It was agreed that the Council should accept the quote from Zurich for the liability insurance at a cost of £214.00 for the year.</li> <li>• Pavilion and churchyard grants: It was agreed that the grants should reflect inflation and be increased: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stawley £230.00</li> <li>○ Ashbrittle for Greenham £76.50</li> <li>○ Kittisford £204.00</li> <li>○ Pavilion £624</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>PS</b></p> <p><b>PS</b></p>
<p><b>8. Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>35/25/0003</b> – Stawley Wood Farm - Conversion of agricultural building into 1 No. dwelling with associated external alterations and erection of a detached</li> </ul>	

<p>garage/workshop at Stawley Wood Farm – Appeal against prior decision of refusal by Somerset Council – No comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>35/25/0011/CQ</b> - Application for Prior Approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations to Barn on Fishers Hill, Greenham, Wellington – Support</li> <li>• <b>Greenham Cottage field.</b> This field, at the entrance to Greenham, has recently changed in use from agricultural to a mixed residential and industrial use. This has been brought to the attention of Somerset Council as the planning authority. Assistance in having this matter investigated by the enforcement officers at Somerset will be sought from our local Somerset councillor.</li> <li>• <b>Hedge appeal.</b> This appeal is outstanding. Somerset Council will be approached for an update.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Reports from Members</b></p> <p><b>Roads</b> – The leaning telegraph post in Greenham was reported and has been fixed. The potholes on the road by Cothay are bad again. They have been reported again. The hedge outside Meadow View is growing into the road causing a hazard to traffic. The owner will be approached to remind them of their responsibilities for hedge cutting.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b> – SJ reported by email that there were no footpath issues other than the repetitive blocking of some footpaths by maize planting up to the very edge of fields.</p>	<b>PM</b>
<p><b>10. Any Other Business –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. Date of Next Meeting</b> TBC when required.</p>	

**Meeting closed at 19:58**